

## VICINITY MATTERS.

## BURLINGTON AND OTHER CHITTENDEN COUNTY TOWNS.

The important happenings of a week in our midst-surrounding towns come in for a generous share of attention at the hands of our correspondents.

## BURLINGTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wells arrived home last week.

E. H. Fitch and wife of St. Albans were in the city Thursday.

H. N. Con has moved into his new residence at 37 Church street.

Mrs. Oakman and Mrs. Fenton of Williams were in town Thursday.

W. J. Burdick, ex-manager of the telephone exchange, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Loomis returned from a stay in New York, last week.

Miss Lucy E. King of Malone, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Hall.

Mrs. Jane Allen returned Friday evening from a two months' visit in Brooklyn.

Col. LeGrand B. Cannon and family have gone to New York for the winter.

Sunday next ends the engagement of Rev. Mr. Wilcox at the Berean Baptist church.

Mrs. Mary H. Underhill of Lawrenceville, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. C. Turrill.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McMahon will have the sympathy of many friends in the loss of their infant son.

This week's prayer meeting of the Baptist church will be on Friday instead of Thursday evening.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Frank W. Chase to Miss Carrie S. Langer on November 28.

Officer Cayen and wife are rejoicing over the birth of an 11 pound girl.

Mrs. A. E. Judewine of Hardwick is stopping a few days in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Peck.

Miss Helen Smith, who has been spending several days with Mrs. L. W. Furbush, returned to her home in Brattleboro last week.

Dr. H. H. McIntyre of West Randolph, world's fair commissioner, passed through the city last week on his way to Florida.

Hon. and Mrs. Olin Merrill of Brattleboro are rejoicing over the birth of a 10 1/2 pound girl.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Coy's infant son fell off the piazza at their home Thursday, breaking his arm. Dr. Lund set the fractured bone.

The nomination of officers for Gen. William Wells camp No. 10, Sons of Veterans, on the ensuing year, will occur December 2.

Miss Fanny Ayling, who has been visiting her brother for the past two months, returned to her home in Albany, N. Y., last week.

Contractor Roberts has the foundation of the new fifth ward house completed, and a part of the frame up and one story below.

Mrs. A. T. Woodward of Brandon returned home Wednesday last week after spending several days with her son, Dr. J. H. Woodward.

H. A. Loomis and wife returned from their wedding trip Friday. They have taken pleasant quarters in the Hicks block on King street.

Leah H. T. Mayo, of T. S. N., and family returned to their home in Brattleboro, where Mr. Mayo will be stationed for three years at least.

Dr. A. P. Grinnell has bought the Calvin H. Blodgett place on Main street, which has his present residence on the east. Consideration \$6000.

Two more aspirants for postmaster at Middlebury are Charles Hicks and Joel Lindsey. The latter is willing to succeed Postmaster Wheeler.

Dr. E. Blower, formerly of the Hotel Burlington, has accepted the management of the Westlock House at Hanover, N. H., and will take charge of the hotel soon.

The uncommonly large shipment of poultry by express, necessitated the service of extra cars on trains No. 33 and 37 Monday. The shipment by the regular Thanksgiving poultry train this year was small.

The crop of broom corn is very small this year and it will cost the growers more to sweep clean. The wholesale price on broom corn already advanced 25 cents per dozen. The crop is grown chiefly in western New York.

Mrs. E. C. Herrington and daughter, Alice, left last week Wednesday for Cleveland, O., for a stay of several weeks. They were accompanied to Albany by Mr. Herrington, who went from there to Boston on a business trip.

Mrs. Mary A. Williams has been requested by one of the boards of the world's Commission to secure any facts in reference to the noteworthy women of the county in Vermont, those who may have done well in educational fields, in literature, art or any of the industries or professions.

A very excellent specimen of a buck deer's head was posted in the window of O. M. Walker & Bros.' store Thursday. The head was shot by Mr. F. H. Miller, who was on a hunting trip in northern New York about three months ago. It was mounted by Taxidermist Couger.

Dr. George A. Miller of this city has just received the appointment by Secretary Hask of veterinary inspector in the bureau of animal industry, to be stationed at Rouses Point, N. Y., and St. Albans, Vt. Dr. Miller succeeds Dr. Frank H. Miller in the absence of the latter abroad.

The Massachusetts Teachers' association will hold their 18th annual meeting at Springfield, the 25th and 26th insts. An elaborate programme with an able list of speakers, has been arranged. It is probable that several Vermont teachers from the south and east parts of the State will attend.

Mr. Fred S. Grow, a graduate of the U. V. M., class of '91, has just been appointed to the professorship of mathematics and physical culture in Riverview academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Since his graduation Mr. Grow has been principal of the academy at Hollis, N. H., where he has met with flattering success.

The marriage of Mr. George Paak, a well-known passenger conductor on the central line of the Central Vermont railroad, and Miss Clara Cady of Underhill took place at the residence of Mr. H. C. Gilbert on Elm street in this city Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. F. Carter.

Mr. A. B. Lamon and daughters, May and Fannie, and Mrs. W. J. Van Patten and daughter arrived from Pomona, Cal., Monday night. They were delayed two days on the trip by heavy landrains, causing them to make connections at Chicago. The trip was, however, a pleasant one and the party arrived in as good condition as

could be expected. Miss Fannie Lamon stood the journey well, and is somewhat improved in general health.

Canton Lafayette has prepared a testimonial in acknowledgement of the hospitalities received from Canton Worcester on the recent visit of the members of the canton to Worcester, Mass. The resolutions have been engrossed very beautifully by Mr. George S. Wright and placed in a brass frame and will be sent to the canton in a few days.

The traveling men report a decline in trade since election. And they also say that fewer men within their recollections have received such a large and steady run of orders in a presidential year as they enjoyed from the beginning of the year up to the very day of election, and this is universally acknowledged by men representing the various kinds of business interests.

Judson L. Scott, proprietor of the Franklin House, Highgate Springs, was in the city last week on route to Ferrisburgh, where he will sojourn a few days with Mrs. Scott at his brother-in-law's. He will then go to Green Cove Spring, Fla., to assume the management of the Hotel St. Elmo for the winter. George C. Martin, U. V. M., '92, who has been clerk at the Franklin House for three seasons past, will go with him and act in the same capacity.

Calixte Limoge, jr., gave a banquet to Oliver DeVarennes and several of his friends at the Hotel Chittenden Tuesday evening. It was the outcome of an election bet on the State of Indiana. Mr. Limoge, being a republican and standing by his party, naturally enough lost and kept his word by giving a second dinner to the republicans and party. Mr. Little had prepared one of his best suppers, to which justice was done, and at 11 o'clock the party separated, the political enemies being the best of friends.

Gov.-Elect John Osborne of Wyoming may be called upon a somewhat boy, although born at Westport, N. Y. He was a resident of the State for several years, and graduated from the University of the State of New York in the class of 1889. He went West soon afterward. Mr. Osborne is a democrat and received a plurality of 2,000, while the republican electors were elected by a small plurality. It is said that if he had had the money when he first landed into the country he would have returned. He stayed, however, and his wealth now is estimated at \$120,000.

## UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The University Extension Movement to Commence in Burlington.

The time is at hand when Burlington young men engaged in mercurial life, may if they choose take a regular course of university lectures. These will be given during the winter by Mr. E. M. Couger, upon economic and the history of science in the United States. The course has been given at the University of the State of New York in the summer of 1890. Mr. Couger is a democrat and received a plurality of 2,000, while the republican electors were elected by a small plurality. It is said that if he had had the money when he first landed into the country he would have returned. He stayed, however, and his wealth now is estimated at \$120,000.

The freshmen class have adopted a constitution.

H. M. Arns, Columbia fair commissioner for Vermont dairy products, visited the college Saturday.

The following voices have been selected for the glee club: J. R. Severance, E. M. Knight, E. J. Armstrong and W. W. Griffiths. It is expected that they will, with a bunch of quartets, make a number of engagements independent of the glee club.

## THE HUNTINGTON SKIRMISH.

Harry Small Round Over to the County Courtroom Assault.

The case of State vs. Small for assault with intent to kill Mr. Fitch was tried at Huntington Wednesday. The evidence for the State, tended to show that Mr. Fitch was shot by Harry Small, who was indicted for the same crime. Mr. Small was indicted for the same crime. Mr. Small was indicted for the same crime. Mr. Small was indicted for the same crime.

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## THE CITY COURT.

Fifth Case of Perjury in This Court During the Past Two Years.

George Riedle, the German arrested by Officer McKenzie on Saturday night last, was Thursday arrested upon a complaint charging him with perjury. Riedle was fixed at \$1000 and he was committed to jail upon failure to procure it. Riedle, in making his disclosure, swore that he procured five or six drinks of whiskey last Saturday night at Lawrence's Barber of Middlesex, a section boss on the Central Vermont railroad, under whom Riedle worked about three months the past summer; that he met Fender on Church street about 8 o'clock, and was with him from that hour till past 10 o'clock, when he left Fender at the depot, and Fender told him he was going to take the 11 o'clock train for Middlesex. Mr. Fender came to this city yesterday morning at the request of the authorities and it was learned from him that he was not in Burlington last Saturday night, and had not been in the city for nearly three years, and gave the names of 10 persons who saw him at Middlesex on Saturday evening between 8 and 10 o'clock. The State's attorney took the 11 o'clock train for Montpelier and drove from there to Middlesex, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Atterton, to investigate the matter. He found Fender's statements corroborated by a large number of witnesses, of whom nine were summoned to appear before the City Court Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Henry Bixby pleaded guilty to a second offense of intoxication Thursday, disclosing on Nelson Jackson. He was fined \$25 and costs. He was committed to jail for a second offense of selling and was sentenced to serve one month in the House of Correction and to pay a fine of \$40 and costs. He appealed.

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Lewis Newberry, who has been a guest at the county jail for 20 days for refusing to disclose after pleading guilty to intoxication, was taken into the City Court Saturday morning, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs. He disclosed that he bought a quart of alcohol of the city agent, representing to him that he lived in Middlesex, and that he was going to Middlesex for a freight train from Springfield, Mass. McCarty was then arraigned for obtaining liquor under false pretenses, to which he answered not guilty. A trial was had and he was convicted. Judge Peck fined him \$10 and costs. He was committed to jail. He had been here for some time, being employed by the telephone exchange.

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## THE CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT.

The Important Provisions of the Bill Now Before the Legislature.

The proposed amendment to the city charter which is embodied in a bill now pending in the Legislature, provides for the improvement of the city by the payment of assessments on the annual installment basis, in annual installments, within five years with interest at 6 per cent that it empowers the City Council to authorize the payment in this way if they deem it wise. This leaves it optional with the person assessed to pay either by the installment plan or in cash. The amendments required for the improvements are completed and the assessments levied and filed with the city clerk, a certificate signed by the mayor and countersigned by the city clerk shall be issued to the city treasurer stating the amount of the assessment of the installment, when due and the person assessed. The installment is a lien upon the land assessed, and the same assessments are now. It will also contain statements of other minor provisions of the law.

The bill further provides that the parties assessed shall have the privilege of paying the installment before it becomes due. If they choose to pay the installment before it becomes due, the city treasurer may sell or transfer them for other purposes. The bill is simply to enable those who find it inconvenient to pay for improvements in one payment, and in so short a time as the installment, present, makes it possible to have an extension of time, allowing the City Council to extend the time to five years, the payment being by annual installments. The commissioners, Aldermen H. W. Hall and City Attorney Watterson, believe the law will work in the advantage of the city. It will give the city a lien and be the means of more permanent street improvements, for the reason that very often a majority of the property owners on a street are in favor of having improvements made, but the few who are unable to pay within the short period specified by the law, prevent the improvements from being made. It is anticipated that the proposed provision will do away with this and give the city a lien in which to meet the assessments without causing them any embarrassment or distress.

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